



# CHARLESTON NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

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1 August 2008

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*JCNP*

Dear Mayor Goodman and EACH Councilperson:

PLEASE REMOVE ITEM #33 FROM THE CONSENT PORTION OF THE AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> AGENDA.

Regarding Item numbered 33 on the August 6, 2008 CLV Agenda about The Downtown Federal Post Office and Courthouse having been purchased with our taxes by CLV and the mayor's plan to create a "MOB" museum on the interior—also with tax monies since there is no other kind.

Each of you needs to see the movie, titled CASINO, before you vote on this item.

We join with others passionately against this 1933-2006 former United States Federal Post Office being used solely to revere "THE MOB". Such use of our monies in the bowels of this significant early Las Vegas government building serving at the heart for 73 years along with a library, a hospital and a city hall is a slam with a baseball bat, a hit, a wipe-out, a vice to the head of every taxpayer (federal funds have been applied, also).

Mob rule was violent, it now is violent physical exertion to injure or abuse, intense, furious, destructive, forceful action. Body organ harvest, human trafficking, illegal drug dealing, mutilation and murder are not 'historical' actions to celebrate, but present day occurrences!

In April we proposed an alternative use for the interior of our former post office to City Council of Las Vegas, we call it KEY TO VEGAS where mini-displays of the numerous museums and interactive sites in the valley would offer directions to, open schedules, length of visit, age appeal, etcetera, where visitors would come to choose if a native tribe antique train, mob event, atomic test, historic sign, ranch, adinfinitum would suit their schedule and interests. A youth library to encourage non-mob involvement, a theatre where adults can view the film, "Casino", etc. are also alternatives for the interior of our Las Vegas Neo-Classical style former U.S. Post Office and Courthouse which is now on City, State, and National Historic Registers. A monument for the likes of Holocaust or Al-Qaida planners or a MOB is *NOT* acceptable.

Before any of you vote to put another dollar into this post office, *please* determine that only results which respect our heritage and our resident families who foot the bill for every government employee, their offices and supplies will be considered.

Frank 'The German' Schweihs died while awaiting trial for multiple murders, is reported in the July 24, 2008 issue of The Las Vegas Sun newspaper. Nicholas Calabrese, a captured mobster still living, is one of those who conspired to kill 2 more plus our mayor who was a defense attorney at that time.

Remember our request that you remove CLV agenda item # 33 from the Consent Agenda, please.

Have you viewed the entire "Casino" movie? If not, you're not adequately informed to vote on item # 33.

*June Ingram*  
*JCNP President*

Submitted at City Council

Date *8/6/08* Item *33*

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# Reputed mobster Frank 'The German' Schweih dies

The Associated Press

Thu, Jul 24, 2008 (7:42 p.m.)

Frank "The German" Schweih, reputedly one of Chicago's most feared mob enforcers, has died while awaiting trial on charges he took part in a conspiracy that included numerous organized crime murders.

Schweih, 78, who had cancer, died Wednesday night after he was taken from the federal government's Metropolitan Correctional Center to Thorek Memorial Hospital, federal officials announced Thursday.

He had been in federal custody for more than two years.

Federal law enforcement officials said Schweih specialized in beatings and murders, and they had hoped to put him in prison for life.

"It means that we have one less brutal and cowardly outfit enforcer to worry about and we can move on," said Markus Funk, an assistant U.S. attorney at last fall's landmark mob conspiracy trial.

Funk, who helped secure racketeering convictions against five major mob figures at the trial, was due to prosecute Schweih on similar charges starting Oct. 28.

Prosecutors had hoped to try Schweih along with the five others last fall, during one of the biggest mob trials in Chicago history. But Schweih was deemed too ill to take part.

He went to New York for cancer treatment last year and recently returned to the Metropolitan Correctional Center to await trial.

The indictment charged that the conspiracy included 18 long unsolved mob murders. Prosecutors said Schweih was responsible for killing two people: a Phoenix man that mobsters deemed a potential federal witness and a suburban Chicago businessman who had evidence that might have sent another mobster to prison.

Star witness Nicholas Calabrese, brother of one of the defendants, testified Schweih came up with the idea of using an Uzi submachine gun to murder Tony "The Ant" Spilotro, the Chicago mob's longtime man in Las Vegas.

Spilotro was the inspiration for the Joe Pesci character in the movie "Casino."

Calabrese said the Schweih plan called for gunning down Spilotro, his brother Michael and defense attorney Oscar Goodman. The plan fell through.

But both Spilotros were later killed somewhere in the Chicago area and buried in an Indiana cornfield. Goodman is now the mayor of Las Vegas.



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Dear Mayor Goodman and Councilpersons:

We requested, in a timely manner, that item #33 on the August 6, 2008 City of Las Vegas be withdrawn from the CONSENT AGENDA because our group has concerns about the "seemingly planned" topic to be housed in the United States Post Office and Courthouse at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Stewart Avenue.

Adamantly we are opposed to THE MOB being the topic/focus of the theme of this Neo Classical style, since 1933 city business center.

Respectfully, we request that at least one open forum be held to determine the theme of this building.

*June Ingram*

Charleston Neighborhood Preservation president  
And Board

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